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Helke  
 Kraft  
 Partida Benihome  
  
 Beniarbeig  
 03778 [large map](#)  
 All Year: Yes  
 Area (ha): 4.942  
 Persons: 1-4 (or 2 couples)  
 Category: Organic Farmstay

Host ID: 10860  
 Country: Spain  
 Phone:  
 Mobile: 0034636493749  
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 Last Updated: August 10, 2014  
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**Organic Status:** Bambus- any orange and olive tree

Beautiful 2 hectare finca in Spain 90km S of Valencia city in the valley of Orba near by the sea (9Km) and byside the rio Girona. Area dominated by Bambus and Orange trees.  
 We are a german married couple - 49 and 56 years old. We are very open-minded, tolerant and respectful of people of different races, religions, cultures, sexual orientation, etc. we can speak to helpers in either English, Spanish or german - it is up to them.  
 We have 2 dogs and 4 cats and we don't smoke - so we prefer nonsmokers.  
 All meals are free and a big movil home with 72 qm and TV is reserved only for our helpers, with 2 bedrooms and bathrooms and a community dining room to relax and a fully equipped kitchen. For more informacion please have a look at our website:  
<http://helpx-fincaworld.jimdo.com>

Every couple (or 2 persons) have your own bedroom/bathroom.  
 We have Internet - so helpers can check their email once a day. In Ondara is also a big shopping center with wifi.  
 We would require a minimum stay of 2 weeks (a longer stay is possible), and we expect 5 hours work per day. We have many things that need to be done in the garden, orchard, bambus forest, new house, workshop, etc. There is no lack of work nor of variety of work, from the simple to the complicated and from the brawny to the brainy. We are very flexible with work schedules and work chores to be done.  
 The spanish bus company "ALSA" has national buses which goes from all big towns to Ondara (Barcelona, Valencia, Alicante...) We will pick you up by car in Ondara on first arrival.  
 The two nearest towns (Beniarbeig and Sanet y Negral) are each about a 10 minute bicycle ride away; we have two mountain bikes that helpers can use to bike through the countryside. Beniarbeig has also a big community Pool and a bus goes also to Denia city it takes 1/2 hours.

A little about our projects:  
 We try to minimize water and to reuse and recycle as much waste as possible onsite; the rest is put in recycling containers in town.  
 We have extensive knowledge and experience in the design and construction of houses and buildings and personally designed and built absolutely everything (house, buildings, electrical and water systems, etc.) on the finca with own hands from top to bottom (often with some manual help and advice from family and friends)

- Projects I hope to work on during this year:
- Begin building rainwater catchment system
  - Finish solar thermal water heating system
  - Plan a vegetable garden with stone walls and plantar trees
  - Finish some int- and exterior construction work
  - Make a herb garden
  - And many other projects

Below are some photos and more can be sent when you contact us. Thanks in advance for getting in touch to show any possible interest.  
 10.08.2014



## reviews (10)

**Helper:** Maren and Lena

**Profile:** [click here](#)

★★★★☆

**From:** Germany

**Date:** January 12, 2014

We stayed about two weeks at Heike and Helmut's Finca. In the end we extended our stay and spent christmas together because we came along very well!

From the beginning on we felt warmly welcomed in a family-like atmosphere and comfortable. If you believe or not we had some good fun working together! Gardening, planting and painting! Especially doing some housecleaning was a lot of fun to do together with Heike. :)

Even though we had a little sad misunderstanding in the end both sides gave their best to solve it so that we could part in good harmony! Grateful for that!

Best wishes and hope to keep in touch!

Maren & Lena

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**Helper:** Carla Fracchiolla Cabreira

**Profile:** [click here](#)

★★★★☆

**From:** Brazil

**Date:** December 10, 2013

I stayed there for 2 weeks and Heike was a great host. I did not meet Helmut as he was in Germany at that time. Heike is very friendly and made everything and more to make me comfortable in her place. Her finca is beautiful and well cared. Heike was always around and we worked together as well. Work can be though sometimes but nothing you cannot deal it.

Thanks for everything Heike!

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**Helper:** Elena postal

**Profile:** [click here](#)

★★★★☆

**From:** Italy

**Date:** October 12, 2013

I stayed with Heike almost 2 weeks from the end of September until the first week of October.

Heike thank u very much for your hospitality!!

The accomodation is super, I had my own room with private toilet :) and I had just to share the kitchen with Carla, another helpex. There is also a living room with big tv.

Heike offered us a day trip to Valencia, Denia and nice lunch at restaurant up to the mountain with wonderful view.

The place is amazing, surrounded by bamboo plantation and orange trees.

You have to work 6 hours for day, shift start early morning because of the hot.

There was a break at 10.30 with a wonderful breakfast cooked by Heike, really good!

The work was various, gardening, cutting bamboo, cleaning home, painting..

you will not be bored!! ;) just sometime was hard, you have to be well fit! ;)

I really appreciate that Heike shop for us all the food, beer and wine that we needed!

When I left Heike surprise me with a nice goodbye gift :D

Thank u very much for everything!!

Keep in touch!

Hugs Elena

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**Helper:** Kevin Pridham

**Profile:** [click here](#)

★★★★☆

**From:** United Kingdom

**Date:** September 21, 2013

Heike and Helmut, what wonderful hosts. I had a fantastic time staying with them. The accomodation is excellent and they are both very considerate of volunteers, allowing them their privacy. The work was both interesting and varied. Heike and Helmut are warm, accomadating and attentive. I greatly enjoyed my time with them and their fantastic animals, Arco, Iris, Hieda, Merlin, Leroy and Rey. This is a perfect example of a help exchange. Thank you so much for letting me stay with you.

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**Helper:** Lin-Fang Wei

**Profile:** [click here](#)

★★★★☆

**From:** Taiwan

**Date:** August 28, 2013

Heike and Helmut are super niceeee!!!

I stayed with them for two weeks and Heike is a kind, warm and chatty Mommy of helpers. She's always worried about us and she tried her best to show us around so many places, I really appreciate the day Heike offered us for Valencia ,Denia and Chinese restaurant. The beach near Ondara is just beyond words!!! You gave me such a wonderful memory, Heike...:)

The work I did was usually gardening but she would make a change for your work so that you wouldn't get bored. You can have a nice breakfast with them everyday. The accommodation is comfy and you will have enough privacy!

The animals there are sooo cute and friendly, the English helper stayed with me was a great company, I misssss you guys a lot:!(

Thank you so much Heike, I wish you all the best!!!

Take care. kisses;)

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**Helper:** Ingrid and Camilo

**Profile:** [click here](#)

★★★★☆

**From:** Argentina

**Date:** July 13, 2013

We stayed with Heike and Helmut for three weeks. They are really nice people and made us feel comfortable at their house. We slept and rested in a mobile home in the front of the finca, wich is very nice and has a lot of room, privacy and everything one needs (kitchen, tv, music, etc.). The rest of the time we went to the beach, the mountains and other lovely spots in the nearby towns. We had breakfast and lunch with them and it was delicious and a lot! The work is sometimes hard but with a break in between and being a six hour shift it's ok. The shift starts early in the morning but it's necessary because after two o'clock the sun is unbearable hot! They have really good tools wich make the work easier and you can learn a lot. We spent a good time and we highly recommend!

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**Helper:** Adan Agullo

**Profile:** [click here](#)

★★★★☆

**From:** Spain

**Date:** June 19, 2013

I have stayed with Heike and Helmut for three weeks, from late May. They are very sociable and make you feel fine there. The four cats and the two dogs are also nice, although at the start you can be a little frightened by Arco (the male dog), don't worry, he only wants to play and he's not dangerous at all :)

Heike cooks healthy good food, sure you will eat more than one portion.

Helmut taught me to do some works and he also has worked with me almost every day, he has a really good sense of humor, for sure you will not be bored.

They recommended me to visit some spots close to their finca, which is surrounded by nice mountains, valleys and beaches.

I'm thinking on helping them again, maybe after the summer. It was a great experience! I highly recommend them!

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*Helper:* Dominik and Mirjam

*Profile:* [click here](#)

★★★★★

*From:* Germany

*Date:* January 7, 2013

We stayed with Heike and Helmut and their lovely cats and dogs for three weeks over Christmas and New Year and it was such a great experience! They are very generous and you will feel like home from the first second on. You will hardly find any better accommodation and their finca is very centrally located with a lot of nice Spanish towns within reach (there are two bikes you can use). Heike often took us with her to show us the area and its beautiful scenery and we were lucky enough to get a bike ride on Helmut's motorcycle, which was so much fun!

We worked for about seven hours a day with the weekends off but they're very flexible if you want to do some more hours a day or start earlier. We mainly worked outside and did a variety of jobs from weeding over sowing a lawn to cutting firewood.

Heike is a fantastic cook and you will never be hungry! You also have your own kitchen and can cook extra meals (though you won't have to..).

All in all we would highly recommend Heike and Helmut as hosts!

We wish you a successful year and good luck with all the projects you have around your little paradise!

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*Helper:* Amanda and Ian

*Profile:* [click here](#)

★★★★★

*From:* United Kingdom

*Date:* July 27, 2012

We stayed with Heike and Helmut for over 3 weeks and we enjoyed every day. We stayed in their mobile home which was very spacious and lovely and we had a lot of privacy but also enjoyed our mealtimes with Heike and Helmut. The food was just absolutely delicious! and healthy and so I will be in touch for the recipes!!

We enjoyed the work very much too. Heike and Helmut were flexible with our working times to allow us to avoid the sun. We worked together which was very nice too as its more enjoyable than working alone. We were very well rewarded in terms of food and the accomodation we received in return for our work.

There are lots of little villages to see in the area around the property but its also nice just to sit and enjoy the view of the mountains with a glass of wine! Which we did a lot. There is also a commercial centre a short bike ride away for any shopping or cinema you might want to do.

We would thoroughly recommend working here.

We miss you Heike and Helmut and we wish you luck for your upcoming projects and its a shame we cant be there helping you. We miss the animals too!!

Keep in touch!

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*Helper:* Vedran Mihaljević

*Profile:* [click here](#)

★★★★★

*From:* Croatia (Hrvatska)

*Date:* September 12, 2011

I`m not of big words.Heike and Helmut are great people.I stayed there 40 days,and felt like at home;great food,good bad and all other facilities that home provides,lots of little towns nearby you can visit,job not too hard and the most important thing;I enjoyed in pleasant company of friendly,openminded and honest people.Thanks for everything.